

REMARKS

I. Formal Matters. Claims 1-8 and 23-29 are currently pending in this application after entry of this Amendment. Claims 9-22 are cancelled per Applicant's election of claims 1-8 in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 12, 2004.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and for confirming receipt of a certified copy of Applicant's priority document.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the references submitted via the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 6, 2004, as evidenced by the return of an initialled Form PTO/SB/08 A&B to the office of the undersigned.

II. Claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 3, 7 and 8. The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Burroughes, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,592,969) ("*Burroughes*").

Independent claim 1. *Burroughes* discloses a flexible composite of substrate layer 4 disposed on a plastic layer 2, a first transparent or substantially transparent first electrode layer 6 overlying the substrate 4, and at least one layer of electrically active organic material 8 overlying the first electrode 6 (*Burroughes*, col. 4, lines 27-35; Fig. 1). Further, while the electrically active layer 8 maybe a thin film transistor array, photodetector or solar cell (*Burroughes*, col. 4, lines 40-45), the first layer 6 is indium tin oxide (col. 6, lines 14 and 50). The indium tin oxide

layer is disposed on the substrate (*Burroughes*, Fig. 1; col. 4, lines 27-35). *Burroughes* discloses disposing a conductive metal oxide layer upon the substrate and then an electrically active layer atop the metal oxide layer.

In contrast, Applicant claims "a flexible electronic device comprising: a flexible film; a substrate disposed on the flexible film...and a thin film *device* disposed directly on the substrate" (claim 1). A proper anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) discloses each and every element of the rejected claim. At least for failing to disclose a thin film *device* disposed on the substrate, the rejection of claim 1 as being allegedly anticipated by *Burroughes* under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-8 are asserted as being in condition for allowance at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

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